

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 12-30 are allowed. Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled. Claims 2-5 and 7-11 have been amended. Claims 2-5 and 7-30 remain in this application. No new matter has been entered.

5 The drawings stand objected for inadequate labels or legends. FIGURE 7 and the specification have been amended.^A Corrected drawing sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d) is being submitted with this Response. Approval of the drawing amendments and withdrawal of the objection are requested.

10 Claims 2 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claims 2 and 7 have been amended to remove the indefiniteness and to depend on allowable Claims 4 and 9, respectively. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is requested.

15 Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,041,347, issued to Harsham et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,926,463, issued to Ahearn et al. Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled. Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to depend on allowable Claim 4. Claims 8, 10, and 11 have been amended to depend on allowable Claim 9. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) has been rendered moot.

20 Claims 4 and 9 stand subject to objection as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 4 and 9 have been re-written into independent form incorporating all limitations of their respective base claims. Claims 2, 3, and 5 have been amended to depend on Claim 4. Claims 7, 8, 10, and 11 have been amended to depend on Claim 9. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

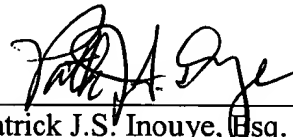
25 The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed by the applicant and is considered to be no more pertinent than the prior art references already applied.

30 Claims 2-5 and 7-30 are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Entry of the foregoing amendments is requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-3900 regarding any questions or concerns associated with the present matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

Figure 7.

